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Application No.: 10/817,125	Confirmation No. 1507
Application of: Muhanna, et al.	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filing Date: April 2, 2004	Examiner: SWIGER III, James L.
Title: Ball Jointed Pedicle Screw and Rod System	Docket No. M112 1140.1 Customer No. 26158

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.